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LB 5, 72

the question is, shall the bill pass. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1095.) First of all Senator Beutler changing from yes to no for purposes of reconsideration. 26 ayes, 14 nays, 9 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill fails to receive the necessary votes and, therefore, the bill does not pass. I think, Senator Vickers, you have an amendment on LB 72. Right?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers moves to return LB 72 to Select File for a specific amendment. That amendment is found on page 833 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, a copy of the amendment has also been passed out. It should be laying on your desk. The amendment quite simply is because of a problem that I mentioned when this bill was on General File and I missed it on Select File and was not able to get it done in time and, therefore, I would apologize to the body for having to bring it back to attempt to amend it at this point in time. The problem is because of the fact that there are certain areas in the State of Nebraska, certain people that have begun to have a small business enterprise made up of using pheasant feathers, pheasant skins and so forth to make wall plaques, the current craze of western hats with the feather hatbands has expanded the market for this sort of an enterprise and the law as presently written indicates that if you deal in pheasant feathers or upland game bird feathers or skins, you have to have a fur buyers permit. A fur buyers permit is being increased by LB 72, the dollar figure from \$50.00 to \$100.00. These skins or these feathers are of relatively small value, I am told around three or four dollars at the most. They are also a portion of the upland game bird that is thrown away and discarded by the vast majority of hunters. The amendment that I am offering would exclude from the fur buyers' permit the requirement that a person dealing in upland game skins or feathers had to have a fur buyer's permit. I would point out though that it does keep in the statutes that it would be unlawful to sell any part of the game bird, meaning the part of the meat, for instance, the bird itself which was the real intention of this statute I am told by the Games and Parks people when it was originally put in here. The intention is only to remove to make an exception as far as feathers and skins are concerned, not an exception as far as the birds themselves, the meat from the birds are concerned.